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I am asking that you deny Yucca Growth Infrastructure's air quality permit. The future is under threat with this proposed air quality permit. A change to fuel cells has minimal impacts on the suffering we will endure as a result of the gas plant's air pollution. To add 10 million tons of carbon dioxide pollution and toxic emissions to our active and long-time nonattainment zone would be nothing short of blatant environmental racism. The metro area is currently 16th worst in the nation for ozone pollution and has received a failing grade on this air quality standard every single year since 2000. The air quality is already some of the most compromised air in the country. It is unacceptable to invite a new source of hyperscale air pollution into communities. The carbon dioxide pollution alone will heat our atmosphere at a much faster pace and promote the formation of even more ground-level ozone. We cannot afford more intense heat. The other toxic air pollutants are extremely dangerous—many of them at very low levels. Knowing your actions can produce such harmful air pollution and can cause permanent brain damage or breathing complications before children have had a chance to grow up, how can you consciously do this? Fuel cells also create hazardous waste and the fuel cell provider for this project has a history of illegally dumping this waste and hiding it for several years. This company will likely repeat its bad habits, illegally dumping dangerous and undisclosed waste. The lives of everyone around you can not be worth a bit of money.